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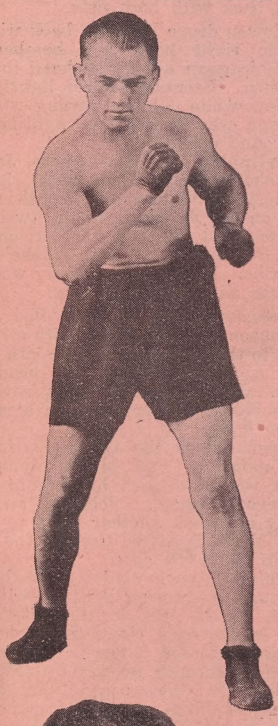
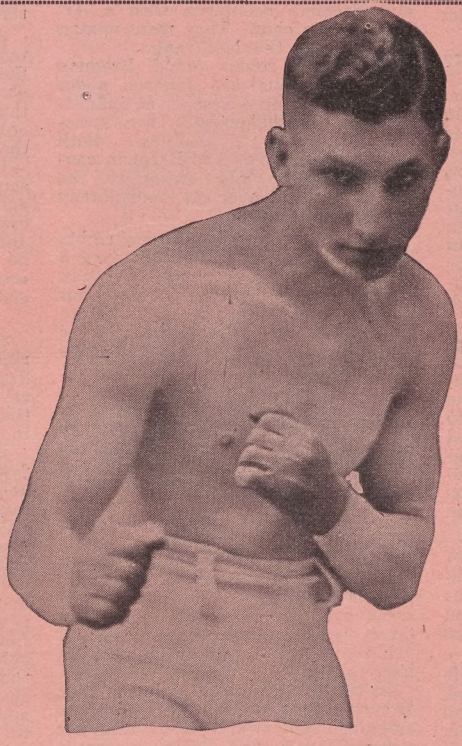
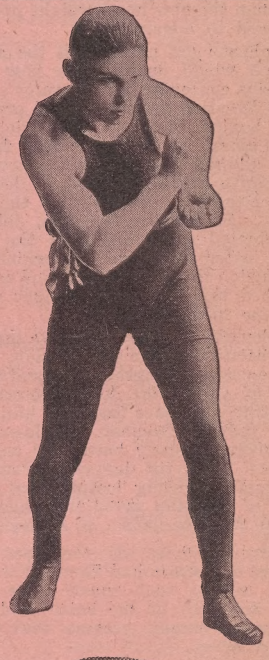
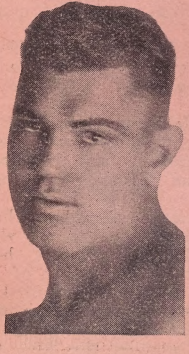




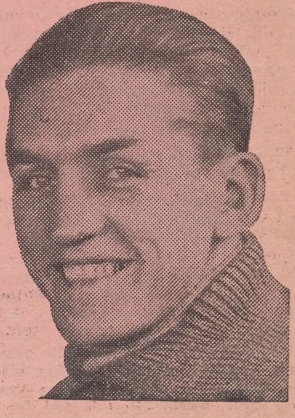




Top, left to right—Johnny Tillman, Minneapolis Welterweight, who is always ready to fight; Lew Tendler, starting new campaign to lead up to another bout with Champion Benny Leonard; Harry Greb, who is getting busy in ring again after short lay-off.

Lower left—Champion Jack Dempsey, who hasn't fought for a year and a half.

Right—Georges Carpentier, cleared of "framing" in Siki fight.



Youth and Strength Win for Floyd Johnson in His Bout With Bill Brennan at the New York Garden

Iowa Heavyweight Who Seeks Match With Champion Jack Dempsey Takes Step Nearer Coveted Goal by Winning Decision Over Veteran Trial Horse in 15 Rounds — Brennan's Superior Knowledge of Boxing and Ring Generalship Enabled Him to go Full Distance Although Staggered Several Times During Fight.

NEW YORK CITY—Floyd Johnson, brawny Iowan, took a decisive step toward a bout with Champion Dempsey by securing the judge's decision over Bill Brennan at the close of a fifteen-round bout here Jan. 12.

Johnson held the lead throughout a majority of the rounds. Against his rugged and much more experienced foeman the new heavyweight prospect showed to advantage.

Johnson did not exhibit the ability which would qualify him now as a serious contender for Dempsey's title. The Iowan is too young and crude in his boxing to cause the titleholder any alarm in the immediate future. He showed rare promise, however, and gave every indication of developing into a heavyweight of the first rank. In beating Brennan, Johnson eliminated from his path the man who lasted twelve rounds against the champion three years ago, and accomplished this feat in a manner which left no room for doubt.

Johnson's untiring offensive through the battle won him the decision. With the energy, strength, speed and stamina of youth, the Iowan forced the fighting at a pace that was killing to the veteran Brennan, battle-scarred survivor of many hard ring engagements. Only the dogged courage, resourceful fighting instinct and courage of Brennan saved the Chicagoan from the humiliation of a knockout.

Several times as the bout progressed Johnson had Brennan in danger, and as each round came after the first half of the battle had been passed Brennan became that much more weary.

Brennan tried desperately to rally in the fourteenth, but the effort soon died. He looked like a beaten man and dropped back farther when Johnson, seeming concentrating on scoring a knockout, battered the Chicagoan around in the fifteenth.

The weights were 194 for Johnson and 200½ for Brennan.

Jess Willard, ex-world's champion, who was knocked loose from his title and the sporting columns by Jack Dempsey, at Toledo three years ago, made his first appearance in the Garden ring since he lost the championship. He was introduced to the capacity crowd just before Brennan and Johnson squared away for the camera men. Big Jess, for all the panning he has received, was greeted by a wild ovation that lasted for several minutes.

In the first round Brennan rushed Johnson at the start, but the Iowan countered with his left, landing several stiff jabs to the jaw. Both mixed willingly, with Johnson landing the cleaner blows.

Johnson took the aggressive in the second round and both landed hard body blows at close quarters. Johnson shot over a hard right to the ribs and Brennan countered with a left hook to the chin. They were mixing furiously as the bell rang.

The third round found Brennan better. He punished Johnson about the body during a session at infighting, but was shaken with two successive left hooks to the jaw. Both missed wild swings and Brennan connected with a right swing to the head. A right upper cut momentarily staggered Johnson.

Johnson shot over two jolting rights to Brennan's body without drawing a reply in the fourth round. Brennan jabbed with his left to the jaw, but was forced to clinch by a smashing right to the head. Johnson forced the Chicagoan about the ring with battering rights and lefts to the head.

Johnson Is Wild.

In the fifth round Brennan accidentally slipped to the floor as they were mixing, but quickly regained his footing. Brennan absorbed a hard right to the jaw, but drove in his left in retalliation. Brennan blocked Johnson's frequent lunges and forced the Iowan to swing wildly.

Johnson rocked Brennan with a right smash to the jaw in the sixth. A stiff right jab to the head opened a cut over Brennan's left eye. Both drove in hard blows to the body and Johnson missed a wild swing with his left.

In the seventh round Johnson sent Brennan back on his heels with a crashing right swing. The Iowan set a terrific pace, but Brennan seemed content to stay on the defensive. Blood flowed from cuts over both Brennan's eyes after a swift exchange. Johnson hurt Brennan with hard rights to the body.

Dancing around his opponent in the eighth, Johnson shot in right and lefts to the head and sent Brennan back with several rights to the ribs. Brennan connected with a right hook to the jaw. Brennan absorbed severe body punishment as they exchanged punches at close quarters.

Brennan Is Staggered.

Johnson staggered Brennan with a two-fisted attack to the head and body in the tenth. Brennan shot in a right to the jaw and followed with his left, but the punches lacked steam. Both swung furiously with both fists for a few moments, Johnson landing effectively with his left to the head and body as the bell rang.

Brennan appeared weakened by Johnson's steady attack to his body and clinched repeatedly in the ninth. He caught Johnson twice on the jaw with jolting lefts, but the Iowan came right back with both fists.

Johnson drove Brennan back with a terrific right hook and bombarded the Chicagoan about the head in the eleventh. Brennan landed lightly to the jaw while Johnson swung wildly. Johnson was forcing the fighting as the round ended.

Continuing his furious pace, Johnson showered Brennan with rights and lefts to the head and kept the veteran on the defensive in the twelfth. Johnson had Brennan hanging on as he drove in stiff punches to the jaw and ribs. Brennan apparently was in distress as the round ended.

Johnson Lands Hard to Body.

Johnson shook Brennan with a hard right to the body in the thirteenth and drew a right swing to the head in reply. Johnson swung wildly several times before connecting with a right to the body.

Brennan took the aggressive for a few moments and jabbed Johnson about the head with his left in the fourteenth round. Johnson swung wildly and took another right to the head. Both appeared tired as the result of the swift pace.

Johnson drove in his left to the head and body, staggering Brennan with a smash to the ribs in the fifteenth. Both landed hard blows to the head. Johnson unloosed a terrific attack to the head, forcing Brennan to clinch. He sent the Chicagoan to the ropes and battered him with terrific punches to the head.

In the first four-round bout Herman Hart, Brooklyn middleweight, won the decision over Jack Tilyou of the West Side.

Charley McKenna, Greenwich Village light heavyweight, won the verdict over Italian Jack Herman of West Hoboken in a six-round encounter.

Jack Renault, Canadian heavyweight, battered his way to victory over Joe McCann, Newark heavyweight, in the fifth round of what was to have been the semi-final bout of twelve rounds. Renault drove his rival about the ring through the first four rounds and in the fifth twice floored McCann. On the second knockdown McCann was counted out.

Tom Andrews' Timely Ring Gossip

MILWAUKEE—Wonder what the heavyweight champions of a decade or two hence will demand for championship matches?

When Tommy Burns held the title he startled the boxing world by asking the unheard of price at that time of $30,000 for his end, win, lose or draw. Because Hugh D. McIntosh of Australia fell for the price Tommy Burns lost his title. He would never have met Jack Johnson, colored giant, had it not been for the big sum of money guaranteed him. 'Lil Arthur won the title from Burns in Sydney and immediately forgot about all figures except those counting thirty thousand. Any time a promoter wired Jack for terms the answer came back: "My end $30,000 and expenses." That is what he signed for with Jimmy Flynn at Las Vegas and the same with Jess Willard at Havana. Whether he ever received the full amount is another question.

Tom S. Andrews

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Jess Willard, after winning the title from Jack Johnson, with the assistance of Tom Jones and Jack Curley, added another cipher to the list, making six numerals in all. When Jess was approached to fight Jack Dempsey for the championship his demand of $100,000 for his end was a shock, even to Tex Rickard, but he got it just the same and Dempsey received $27,500 for his trouble of knocking Jess cock-eyed. However, it must be remembered that Jess was more considerate of the promoter before the Toledo affair, as he received only $67,000 for playing tag with Frank Moran in the no-decision ten-round bout at New York, following his victory over Johnson. That was a bit more than double what Johnson received for a bout while champion, and the $100,000 Willard got for the Dempsey affair tripled Johnson's purses.

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Just at a time when Jess and his predecessors were classing themselves as super beings in the financial world along comes Young Mr. Dempsey and his fashion-plate manager, Jackie Kearns, with a demand that made the others look like a bunch of pikers. Jack jumped the price by hundreds of thousands instead of the ordinary thousands; in other words Jack just raised the ante from $100,000 to $300,000 and got it, Mr. Rickard paying the tolls. Whether Jack intends to forsake the union or not is not known, but there must be something wrong, for reports have it that Messrs. Kearns and Dempsey have practically accepted an offer of $250,000 from a London syndicate to box Joe Beckett, British heavyweight champion, on June 4th next, the distance to be twenty rounds. That is $50,000 under the union scale set by the champion for the Carpentier fight. On general principles Jack should be fined for getting under the $300,000 mark, but perhaps they take into consideration the fact that he is meeting a "soft one" and can well afford to make a rebate in a case of that kind.

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George McDonald, a well known sportsman and manager of boxers in London, made the offer on behalf of Capt. John Goolding, who recently broke into the promoting business by staging the Ted Lewis-Roland Todd middleweight match. Beckett is matched to fight Dick Smith in London on the 29th of this month, but

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should win, as Smith is a veteran at the game. He recently defeated George Cook and Albert Lloyd of Australia, but that does not mean much as Chuck Wiggins, the American 170-pounder, defeated both Cook and Lloyd in Sydney, Australia, three years ago. Beckett is a strong fellow but with only a fair knowledge of boxing skill, so that there should be little doubt about how the battle with Dempsey will end. Jack is away beyond the class shown by the Europeans of late and should go into the ring 10 to 1 favorite over the Britisher. Such a match should not interfere in the least with Dempsey meeting Tommy Gibbons or Jess Willard, providing the powers that be permit it, a month later—say July 4th in New York or Jersey.

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There is no doubt that boxing fans the world over like to see the fighter who can "put 'em down for the ten count." Jack Dempsey made his big hit by knocking out opponents in a round or two. Terry McGovern, when in his prime, gained the nick-name of "Terrible Terry" because of his slashing battles and ability to put his opponents to sleep with one punch. It was the same with the late Stanley Ketchel and others.

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Jack Zwick, a Kaukauna (Wis.) youth, has been putting his opponents away with such regularity the past few months that his friends have dubbed him "Cyclone Jack." At first he began by putting some of the would-be fighters around his home town to sleep in jig time. Then he got on in Milwaukee before the regular clubs and he did the same performance. Many of the fans thought it was a case of "set-up" for Jack, but better class opponents were secured and Mr. Zwick kept right on handing the sleep potion until he had rolled up a dozen knockouts to his credit. Managers galore appeared on the scene and Zwick had more trouble evading the would-be managers than he had with all his opponents put together. Now he is being boosted for matches with the best of the welterweights at 147 pounds, but those of the Middle West are not over anxious to measure strength with him. Jack is not after the title yet, but if he continues along the same line there will be no stopping him.

"The time may come when I may go after a title match," said Zwick, "but I am in no hurry. Just because I have knocked off several of the lads of my weight in the Mid-West is no reason to make me believe that I am a world beater. I have a sensible manager in Mr. John Walsh, one of the war veterans, and when he thinks I am ready for faster company why that will be time enough for me to step out."

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Denver has not produced any fighters of note since Young Corbett blossomed out and took the featherweight crown away from the late Terry McGovern. A new Denverite has appeared on the scene who promises to get into the limelight, Frankie Murphy by name, and a welterweight. Frankie battled the best around Denver, but after reading about Mickey Walker winning the title from Jack Britton he decided to hike East and make a try for the crown himself. Any boy who can travel with such lads as Bryan Downey, twice; Jack Perry; Dave Shade, three times; Morris Schlaifer, twice; Battling Ortega, Johnny Tillman, Cowboy Padgett, and others, and not suffer a set-back is well entitled to a show with the best of the 147-pounders. Frankie says he defeated Dave Shade at Portland, Oregon, the newspaper scribes giving him the margin. He has been in the East just once when he defeated

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Ring Officials Who Know Their Stuff and Are Not Influenced by Crowd Great Need of Boxing Game

Competent Referees and Judges are Scarce and Many Contests are Marred by Poor Officiating.—Famous Old-time Arbiters Were Without Fear.—Era of Big Money Makes Life Rosy for Fighters.—Mediocre Boxers Get More Money Now Than Champions Did a Few Years Ago.

By OTTO FLOTO
(Sports Editor, Kansas City Post)

DAY by day every way competent ring officials are becoming scarcer and scarcer. Paraphrasing our distinguished visitor Mons. Coue's famous saying the thought is often driven home with force that the average individual known as "the third man in the ring" is mere hokum and knows about as much concerning the rules of the game as Paddy's pig does of giving an exhibition of fancy skating at Mr. Moritz, Switzerland. And in this general announcement we may as well include the judges who are seated at the ringside to render a verdict. There are some good referees still in the running, but the real high class officials such as George Siler, Jack Welch, Eagle-eye Charlie White, Malachi Hogan and that stamp of judges seem to have vanished. Many officials allow their judgment to be swayed by the crowd.

Never Heeded Crowd.

The above mentioned bunch never heeded any of these demonstrations and gave their decisions as they saw them as they judged the contest. Then there is another set known as the "safety first" mob. This class of official generally calls the bout in which he officiates "a draw." Thus the battle has been too one-sided (and in such cases it generally referees itself) they'll duck out from in under by declaring it a "draw." This seems in the majority of cases to please both sides. Neither of the contestants lose, neither do they win, so it leaves glory for both and their followers do not protest very hard either way. Yet so good a judge as George Siler has gone on record, not one time, but a hundred times in declaring "There is no such thing as a draw." Some contests may be close, but to the discerning judge there's always a margin of advantage slight or wide. That is why Siler seldom called a bout "a draw." His record shows not one in 50 bouts in which he officiated were so decided.

Raised Loser's Hand.

Incompetency is another prevailing trouble. Time and time again this happens. We want no better proof of this than a little occurrence in Los Angeles last week when the man who acted as referee raised the wrong boxer's hand. A chap named Keppen officiated in a bout between Bud Ridley and Frankie McCann. Ridley fairly slaughtered his opponent, finally knocking him down for the count. At the end the judges handed their slips to the referee with Ridley's name as winner written on them. Keppen raised McCann's arm. Then pandemonium broke loose and the arena almost wrecked. The referee excused his error by saying he did not know the boxers and did not know which was Ridley. So he jumped back in the ring and reversed his decision. Then trouble brewed again because those who had bet on McCann claimed the referee could not change his decision and refused to pay their bets. And all this trouble could have been avoided had a capable man been selected as judge of the affair. Remember this, the referee is every bit as essential in a contest as are the principals.

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This seems to be the period of big money. It seems to be a cycle reckoned from a financial angle that dwarfs all other circles of time insofar as monetary emoluments are figured. Not only does this condition apply to mercantile pursuits, but to amusement and sporting entertainments now staged. If, for instance, some of the old gladiators who wielded the mitts to prove their supremacy could glance over the box office statements of battles—limited contests—which are now offered and then turn back the clock to the days of their reign, they'd simply turn in their graves. If Al Spalding, Cal McVey, Al Reach and others of the early seventies could gaze over a baseball crowd they'd conclude the world had come to an end. If, during the same era, some of the old football stars could peek from their misty realms and see a football congregation gathered at the Yale bowl or the Harvard stadium to watch the conflict they would never again believe what history teaches about the throngs which gathered at the Coliseum in Rome in the days when Caesar and Nero were the leading sport promoters. It is truly the millennium of financial accrument we're living in.

Kids Draw $44,000.

We received this thought in glancing over the statement rendered at the recent bout between a couple of mediocre boxers—Martin and Bernstein. The statement showed the receipts to be $44,000 and over. Then our mind flitted to the Dempsey-Carpentier bout with its gross gate of $1,625,000, and then we note that any kind of preliminary boxers can attract at least a $25,000 gate at Madison Square Garden. It's just a question of putting the boxers in the ring and the fans will come along and drop the dollars in the box. Fortunate, indeed, is a boy these days who can affix the title of champion to his name, for it means riches galore.

Mitchell-Sullivan $38,000.

So we drift back just a little further and recall what a sensation and what excitement was created when Charlie Mitchell and John L. Sullivan drew a gate of $38,000 in the old Madison Square Garden which Al Smith promoted. Of course, these were the two leading fighters of the world at the time. This was on the occasion when Mitchell, sitting in his corner awaiting the coming of Sullivan, when it was announced "Sullivan is indisposed." Did they give the money back to the spectators? We'll say they didn't. They treated them rough, which seems to be relished by the average Gotham fight fan. Mitchell wanted to make a speech, but word was sent him, "If you do, you'll get none of the money coming to you." Needless to add, Mitchell failed to demonstrate his eloquence.

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Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

THE rules of the Commish are being constantly violated by those who are in right.

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Many promoters of clubs have several boxers under their management on the Q. T.

Arthur T. Lumley

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They pick soft opponents for their boxers and take fifty per cent of their earnings.

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Thereby breaking two rules of the comic commish.

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No promoter is supposed to be financially or otherwise interested in a fighter.

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Nor any manager is supposed to receive more than one-third of a boxer's money.

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Rule 23 reads, "No boxer will be allowed to compete in two main bouts within a period of eight days or within a period of six days in preliminary bouts."

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But some of the boys with a pull combat two or three times a week.

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Another rule says: "Holding an opponent or deliberately maintaining a clinch is a foul.

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There's hardly a boxing show in this state where that rule is not broken.

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Another rule states, "No wrestling or roughing at the ropes."

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Don't the maulers constantly wrestle and rough it on the ropes?

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That's about the only way the grotesque maulers have of scuffling.

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Still another rule says, "Introductions from the ring are limited to three individuals other than the contestants and referee."

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Quite frequently there's a flock of boxers introduced within the ropes.

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And how the fans howl when they overplay the introduction nuisance.

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But how in thunder can any boxer, referee, promoter or manager live up to all the confusing rules of the commish?

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Even the commissioners themselves can't live up to them.

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Most of the hunters for positions on the new boxing commish will have to go back to work shortly.

Governor Al Smith is in no hurry to appoint the new board.

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So the horde of political heelers and bootleggers can't exist on dreams, nor hot or cold air.

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Some of the would-be commissioners know as much about boxing as Mulligan's goat.

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Sailor Friedman, Charley White, Lew Tendler and Pal Moran all have $2,500 forfeits up with the commish to battle Benny Leonard.

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But Benny, however, is stage struck, and will soon appear in a musical comedy.

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Leonard might make a greater hit in comedy if he had a play entitled, "The Comic Commish."

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He might possibly induce William, The Duke of Muldoon (as Bill McGeehan calls him), to play the leading role.

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But the Duke might want to suspend half the company and put the whole show on the blink, after the first performance.

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Dan Morgan has taken Willie Farley, a 110-pounder, under his wing.

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And after a little coaching Morgan intends to send Foley after Pancho Villa and Frankie Genaro.

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Jack Rodgers has started a cigar factory as a side issue to that of managing boxers.

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The wise Broadway birds look upon the proposed Dempsey-Williard fracas as a folderol.

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They say that Willard and Jack Johnson would be a more even match.

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But that both of the big ducks are merely spoofing around the country to get some easy money.

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Johnson has surely gathered in quite a pot of coin by his various exhibitions.

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He travels about in a big expensive touring car and lives on the fat of his followers.

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Willard is considerably younger since his last visit here, according to his own figuring.

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Big Jess says he's now only 36 years old and was born on Dec. 29th, 1886.

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But most fighters are like a lot of old maids nowadays, regarding their age.

The Garden has been cutting down the purses paid to boxers for the last couple of months.

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Leo P. Flynn is very perplexed over the cut and he blames a certain canny Scott advisor for the reduction.

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"The Garden makes more money than any other club in the world and they can afford to pay top prices for the best," declares Leo.

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Some of the insiders say a case of fine booze will secure a lucrative match at a certain big club.

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Near fighters are somewhat like near beer: weak, sloppy and without a kick.

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More than 90 per cent of the professional and amateur boxers in New York are either Italians or Hebrews.

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But both of these races still invariably adopt some Irish ring name.

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So it's hard to tell who's who nowadays by their nom de guerre.

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The mob of ticket speculators around the Garden on big fight nights are reaping a greater golden harvest than ever.

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How these speculators get hundreds of the choice arena seats is one of those strange puzzles.

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Somebody on the inside must be making thousands of dollars also.

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Many suckers give up as high as $25 for a $5 seat.

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Why is it that so many bald-headed fans go to the ringside to enjoy the hair raising thrills.

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What a lot of money these barepated millionaires would pay if the thrills would only raise hair on their noodles.

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Auto suggestion does not appeal to many of the New York boxers and managers.

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They much prefer some big guaranteed financial suggestion.

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Dave Shade has given up all hopes of getting Mickey Walker in the ring against him again.

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The last time the pair of welters fought, Shade lambasted the daylights out of the new champ in a no-decision bout.

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Jeff Smith still offers to guarantee Johnny Wilson $50,000 to meet him.

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Walker and Wilson have evidently built a stone wall around themselves.

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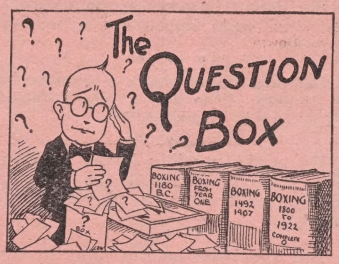
FLOYD JOHNSON, a western product, who hails from Iowa and got his ring start in California, threatens to outdistance the rest of the heavyweight hopes in their chase after Jack Dempsey's crown. It was Dempsey himself who first sang the praises of Johnson and he also coached him considerable in his boxing. By defeating the veteran heavyweight, Bill Brennan, in a 15-round bout at the Garden, New York, Johnson demonstrated his right to be classed as a coming contender. He is not ready for Dempsey yet and will not be for some time, but there is promise that he will be within the next eighteen months; it all depends on his advancement in the fistic line from now on.

Floyd failed to put Brennan away or even knock him down, but according to the judges and referee he had a fair shade of points at the end and received the decision. In his battle with Brennan he showed lack of boxing knowledge at times, which would be fatal to him in a clash with Dempsey, but throughout the youngster had confidence and that is what pulled him out ahead of Bill in the end.

Floyd has a lot to learn yet and he will get his best teaching in the ring against men of his own class. Even with his youth and strength it is doubtful whether he could hold his own with Jess Willard right now, despite the fact that Jess is around the 40-year mark. Floyd had better steer clear of the Kansas farmer; at least for the time being. Charley Cook, who manages Johnson, is pretty wise, and will no doubt take care that his man does not hit the rough bumpers.

With Brennan out of the way the next man in line for Floyd Johnson is Luis Firpo, the South American champion. Firpo is just another such battler as Johnson—young and strong and without much boxing knowledge. He is a big fellow and has a dangerous wallop. Johnson will have to show better than he did against Brennan if he ever expects to meet Dempsey. However, Johnson is young and can afford to bide his time.



Q. I had a wager that Jess Willard would not be on his feet at the end of the fight with Jack Dempsey. Was he on his feet, or not, when the fight ended?—E. W. P., Oklahoma City, Okla.

A. Willard was seated in the chair in his corner when his seconds tossed in the sponge signifying that Willard could not come up for the fourth round. This action gave Dempsey a technical knockout in the third round. Your wager is hard to decide. Literally, Willard was not on his feet at the exact moment when the fight ended, being seated in his chair. On the other hand, Dempsey was awarded a knockout at the end of the third round but at the time the fight thus ended technically, Willard was not actually knocked out and he was on his feet when the bell rang ending the round.

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Q. Can you tell me where Kid Flandrie, former welterweight and middleweight boxer, is at present?—A. Z. S., Washburn, N. D.

A. Sorry we do not know the present whereabouts of Kid Flandrie. Perhaps if he sees this query he will let us know.

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Q. What was the nationality of Stanley Ketchel?—J. F. Polzak, Minneapolis, Minn.

A. Ketchel was of Polish descent.

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Q. I noticed in this column where you said that Jack Johnson was not heavyweight champion of the world when he fought Stanley Ketchel. My recollection is that Johnson won the title from Tommy Burns and held it at the time he met Ketchel.—James Maguire, Milden, Sask., Can.

A. Our mistake. You are right. Thanks for checking us up. However, although Johnson was technically champion as long as Jim Jeffries remained in retirement, it is a fact that Jeffries retired undefeated and the title he passed over to Marvin Hart, who lost it to Tommy Burns, was merely borrowed from Jeff. When Jeffries returned to the ring against Jack Johnson he really was still the undefeated champion of the world until Johnson whipped him. The Johnson-Jeffries fight presented a queer angle in that Johnson held a technical claim to the title which Jeffries had loaned out when he retired, while Jeffries was still an undefeated champion who had laid off fighting for a few years. In reality, Johnson was not the real heavyweight champion until he defeated Jeffries. Of course, this is going into it pretty deep and technically you are right.

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Q. Is Bob McAllister still boxing?—A. M., Chicago.

A. No.

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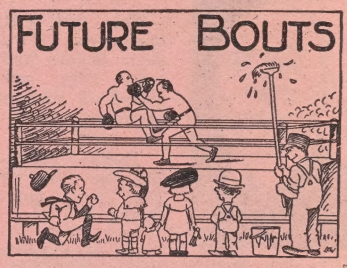
Q. Did Ireland ever have a heavyweight champion?—P. G., Brooklyn.

A. Yes, when Dan Donnelly was champion of Ireland and when he knocked out George Cooper on the Curra of Kildare in Ireland on Sept. 14, 1814, he became champion of the British Empire.



James J. Delaney vs. Ted Jamieson, 10 rounds, Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 2nd.

Charlie White vs. Rocky Kansas, 15 rounds, New York City, Jan. 26th.

Johnny Dundee vs. Elino Flores, 15 rounds, New York City, Feb. 9th.

Tommy Loughran vs. Frankie Britton, 8 rounds, Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 22nd.

Vincent Lopez vs. Joe Libby, 8 rounds, Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 22nd.

Kid Moose vs. Pat McAllister, 15 rounds, Manchester, England, Jan. 26th.

Johnny Mendelsohn vs. Lew Tendler, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29th.

Augie Ratner vs. Vincent Lopez, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29th.

Tommy Murray vs. Harry (Battling) Leonard, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29th.

Gene Tunney vs. Jack Renault, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29th.

Eddie Dempsey vs. Danny Rodgers, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29th.

Sammy Noble vs. Harry (Battling) Leonard, 12 rounds, Harlem, N. J., Feb. 5th.

Abe Goldstein vs. Mike Moran, 10 rounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 29th.

Eddie Shevlin vs. Dave Shade, 10 rounds, Boston, Mass., Jan. 22nd.

Johnny Sheppard vs. Carl Tremaine, 10 rounds, Windsor, Ont., Can., Feb. 7th.

Sailor Friedman vs. Bert Spencer, New York City, Jan. 29th.

Sailor Friedman vs. Jack Taylor, New York City, Feb. 6th.

Bud Christiano vs. Ever Hammer, 10 rounds, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23rd.

Jimmy Kelley vs. Patsy Flanagan, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23rd.

Harry Gaba vs. Kid Bandy, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23rd.

Joe Burman vs. Patsy Flanagan, 10 rounds, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 29th.

Tony Lucas vs. Frankie Kennard, 10 rounds, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23rd.

Billy Ryan vs. Anthony Downey, 10 rounds, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 22nd.

Mike O'Dowd vs. Jock Malone, 10 rounds, St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26th.

Sammy Mandell vs. Stewart McLean, 10 rounds, Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 1st.

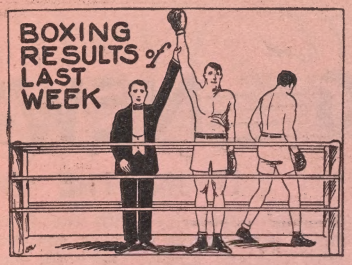
Morrie Schlaiffer vs. Dave Shade, 10 rounds, Duluth, Minn., Feb. 9th.

Buddy MacDonald vs. Jimmy Gill, 10 rounds, La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 26th.

Earl Miller vs. Red McCanley, 12 rounds, Wallace, Idaho, Jan. 27th.

Terry McHugh vs. Tommy Ryan, 12 rounds, Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 29th.

Kid Sullivan vs. Sammy Sieger, 12 rounds, New York City, Jan. 22nd.



EAST

Mickey Walker knocked out Steve Latzo, third round at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 15th.

Harry Greb defeated Tommy Loughran, ten rounds at Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 15th.

Kid Williams defeated Young Montreal, twelve rounds at Baltimore, Md., Jan. 15th.

Floyd Johnson defeated Bill Brennan, fifteen rounds, at New York City, Jan. 12th.

Charlie McKenna defeated Italian Jack Herman, six rounds, at New York City, Jan. 12th.

Jack Renault knocked out Joe McCann, fifth round, at New York City, Jan. 12th.

Leo Gates defeated Tommy Madden, six rounds, at New York City, Jan. 12th.

Herman Hart defeated Jack Tilyou, four rounds, at New York City, Jan. 12th.

Petey Hays knocked out Joe Glick, six rounds, at New York City, Jan. 6th.

Danny Davis defeated Young Frankie Nelson at New York City, Jan. 6th.

Louis Bogash knocked out Charlie Fitzsimmons, eleventh round, at New York City, Jan. 9th.

Frank Danunzio defeated Wildcat Nelson at New York City, Jan. 9th.

Izzy Tanner defeated Patsy Bogash at New York City, Jan. 9th.

Willie Walker defeated Jamaica Kid, twelve rounds, at New York City, Jan. 9th.

Kid Buckley won on a foul from Battling Willie Powell in the fourth round at New York City, Jan. 9th.

Eddie Rielly and Tommy Lyons boxed to a draw at New York City, Jan. 9th.

Tarzan Larkin knocked out Jack Douglas, fourth round, at New York City, Jan. 11th.

Joe Saviola defeated Frankie Otto at New York City, Jan. 11th.

Bobby Green knocked out Chico Mayo, second round, at New York City, Jan. 11th.

Panama Joe Gans defeated Andy (Kid) Palmer, twelve rounds, at Harlem, New York, Jan. 6th.

Ben Ponteau defeated Maxey Green, twelve rounds, at Harlem, N. Y., Jan. 6th.

Eddie (Kid) Wagner defeated Henry Mack, ten rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 6th.

Happy Mahoney defeated Charley Pappas at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 6th.

Ernie Seitz defeated Paul Fargo at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 6th.

Joe Frisco and Charley (Kid) Kohler boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 6th.

Ray West defeated Joey Werner, eight rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 6th.

Willie Garber defeated Sammy Waltz, twelve rounds, at Troy, N. Y., Jan. 10th.

Jimmy O'Hagen defeated Tommy McAleer, twelve rounds, at Albany, N. Y., Jan. 9th.

Joe Baker and Moe Ginsberg boxed to a draw at Albany, N. Y., Jan. 9th.

Tommy Nee defeated Mike Castle, ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., Jan. 9th.

Johnny Fox defeated Steve Gustin at Boston, Mass., Jan. 9th.

Frankie Ryan defeated Tibbie Lawrie at Boston, Mass., Jan. 9th.

Frankie Quill defeated Al Sears, ten rounds, at Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 11th.

Kid Lee defeated Kid Black at Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 11th.

Danny Edwards defeated Teddy Joyce, ten rounds, at Lynn, Mass., Jan. 8th.

Spencer Gardner defeated Young Montreal, twelve rounds, at Mariesville, R. I., Jan. 10th.

Jimmy Sullivan defeated Bert Smithers, twelve rounds, at Amboy, N. J., Jan. 9th.

Cuddy Demarco defeated Eddie (Kid) Wagner, eight rounds, at Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 8th.

Irish Johnny Curtin defeated Jack Sharkey at Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 8th.

Willie Curry defeated Young Tiger, twelve rounds, at Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 11th.

Harry Galfund knocked out Jackie Sanders, sixth round, at Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 11th.

Joe Reno and Dick Conlon boxed ten rounds to a draw at Passaic, N. J., Jan. 11th.

Lew Hurley knocked out Teddy Smacka, eighth round, at Passaic, N. J., Jan. 11th.

Tommy Loughran defeated Pat Reed, twelve rounds, at Newark, N. J., Jan. 8th.

Mike Schultz defeated Wally Hinckle, eight rounds, at Chester, Pa., Jan. 8th.

Dave Shade defeated Jimmy Jones, ten rounds, at Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 8th.

Young McGovern defeated Young Campeau, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 12th.

Johnny Mayhook defeated Charlie Lewis, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9th.

Frankie Schoell defeated Paul Doyle, ten rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9th.

Jeff Smith knocked out Eddie Trembley, fifth round, at Portland, Maine, Jan. 9th.

Johnny Morello and Joe Sobbie boxed six rounds to a draw at Portland, Maine, Jan. 9th.

Tex Craven defeated Young Abe Attell, six rounds, at Portland, Maine, Jan. 9th.

Kid Moore knocked out Courageous Dusty Dan, third round, at Portland, Maine, Jan. 9th.

Jack Dillon defeated Joe Walters, ten rounds, at Bicknell, Ind., Jan. 11th.

Bryan Downey defeated Bob Sage, ten rounds, at Detroit, Mich., Jan. 8th.

Red McDonald defeated Phil McGraw, ten rounds, at Detroit, Mich., Jan. 8th.

Ever Hammer defeated Ray Pryel, ten rounds, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 8th.

George Siler defeated Lally Marringer, six rounds, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 8th.

Kid Clarke knocked out Patsy White, thirteenth round, at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8th.

Bud Christiano knocked out Jimmy Mars, second round, at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8th.

Speedy Sparks and Al Walthers boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Zanesville, Ohio, Jan. 8th.

Al Zainey and Joe Jackson boxed eight rounds to a draw at Zanesville, Ohio, Jan. 8th.

Andy Ketchell defeated Young Brown, ten rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 12th.

Steve Marco knocked out Patsy Brown, sixth round at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 12th.

Billy De Foe knocked out Mike Horan, third round at New York City, Jan. 8th.

Manny Jacobson defeated Eddie Wittstock at New York City, Jan. 8th.

Jimmy Cooney defeated Sammy Stone, twelve rounds at Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 8th.

Corporal Schwartz defeated Vincent Salvatore at Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 8th.

Battling Murray defeated Indian Russell, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 12th.

Charley O'Connell defeated Johnny Donnelly, twelve rounds at Erie, Pa., Jan. 12th.

Mike Schultz defeated Wally Hinklein, eight rounds at Chester, Pa., Jan. 8th.

MIDDLE WEST

Billy Miske knocked out Harry Foley, first round, at Omaha, Nebr., Jan. 12th.

"Kid" Schlaifer defeated Warnie Smith, ten rounds, at Omaha, Nebr., Jan. 12th.

Billy Conley knocked out K. O. Rayburn, sixth round at Wichita. Kan., Jan. 15th.

"Tiny" Herman knocked out Jim Marples, second round, at Omaha, Nebr., Jan. 12th.

"Young" Bige defeated Ace Hudkins, four rounds, at Omaha, Nebr., Jan. 12th.

Billy Wells defeated Bud Logan, ten rounds, at Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 12th.

Eddie Welch knocked out Ray Carter, fifth round, at Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 12th.

Sailor Larson defeated Young Bob Moha, six rounds, at Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 12th.

Kid De Wulf defeated Young Wiggers, four rounds, at Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 12th.

Lou Kelley defeated Tony Gentle, six rounds, at Waterloo, Iowa, Jan. 10th.

Jack Eile defeated Pete Mistel, eight rounds, at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9th.

Rocky Joyce defeated Whitey Ross, eight rounds, at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9th.

Eddie Walsh defeated Vic Martin, six rounds, at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9th.

Mike Nestor knocked out Jimmy Green, first round, at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9th.

Bud. Taylor defeated Jimmy Kelly, ten rounds, at Racine, Wis., Jan. 8th.

Kid Hogan and Jimmy Travers boxed four rounds to a draw at Racine, Wis., Jan. 8th.

Bennie Berris defeated Jimmy Murphy, six rounds, at Racine, Wis., Jan. 8th.

Mike Kovaleski knocked out Russell Hennessey, second round, at Racine, Wis., Jan. 8th.

Ross Murphy defeated Joe McLaughlin, six rounds, at Racine, Wis., Jan. 8th.

Vic Martin and Frankie Frisco boxed six rounds to a draw at Racine, Wis., Jan. 8th.

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Joe Burger defeated Jac
at Denver, Colo., Jan. 12t
Willie Hope defeated
rounds, at Denver, Colo.,
Gus Weiner defeated
rounds, at Denver, Colo., J

SOUTH

Red Dolan defeated Ben
rounds, at New Orleans, La.,
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rounds, at New Orleans, La.
Charlie Feraci defeated
rounds, at New Orleans, La.,
Frank (Kid) Dugan knock
Murphy, first round, at Memph
8th.
Young Barrera defeated Joe
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Erbie Moak knocked out Jack
round, at New Orleans, La., Ja
Frankie King defeated Red
rounds, at New Orleans, La., Jan.
Kid Carlin defeated Young C
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Battling Davis and Walloping W
to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 9th.
Battling Benson and Kid Nappi
eight rounds to a draw at Atlanta, G
9th.
Battling Budd and Jack Perry boxed
a draw at Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11th.
Homer Powell defeated Bob Martin,
rounds, at Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11th.
Ray Wilson knocked out Hollis Sulliv
second round, at Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11th.
Willie Pierce defeated Joe Carter,
rounds, at Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11th.
Lew Silver knocked out Battling Bens
fourth round, at Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11th.

PACIFIC COAST

Frankie Farren and Frankie Burns box
four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Ja
9th.
Ray Long and Gene Cline boxed four roun
to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Harold Farese and Joe Leopold boxed fou
rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Jan. 9th
Johnny McManus and Earl Peuyear boxe
four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Ja
9th.
Frankie McCann defeated Eddie Hanley,
Oakland, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Jack Russo defeated Jerry McBride, fou
rounds, at Oakland, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Jimmy Risso defeated Johnny Dempsey, fou
rounds, at Oakland, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Solly Seeman defeated Benny Vierra, fou
rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Young Papke and Eddie White boxed fou
rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif.,
9th.
"Dynamite" George and Frank Fa
four rounds to a draw at San Francis
Jan. 9th.
Charley Hendricks defeated Danny
four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif.,
Joe Powell defeated Eddie Sylveste
rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 9
Young Springfield defeated Tommy
four rounds, at San Francisco, Cali
9th.
Harry Baker knocked out "Happy"
at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Frankie Monroe defeated Don Davis, fou
rounds, at San Diego, Calif., Jan. 10th.
Joe Brown and Bernie Kilroy boxed fou
rounds to a draw at San Diego, Calif., Jan
10th.
Danny Kramer defeated Bud Ridley, fo
rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Kid Mexico and Leo Matlock boxed fou
rounds to a draw at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 9th
Al Grunan defeated Louie Garcia, fou
rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Young Wallace defeated Louie Stegmey
four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 9th.
Bud Manning defeated Art Springer, f
rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 9th.
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four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 9th.
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BOXING NEWS

IF YOU DON'T IT IN THE BLADE

BUD LOGAN, Minneapolis welterweight gave Billy Wells, welter champion of Great Britain the hardest fight Wells has had since he came to the United States in a ten round bout at Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 12th. Opinion of sport writers at the ringside was divided, some giving the bout to Wells on points while others thought Logan earned a draw by almost knocking Wells out in the sixth round when Wells went down for a nine count.

Ed W. Smith, sporting editor of the Chicago American, who was referee described the bout in his paper as follows:

"Bud Logan gave Billy Wells, English welterweight champion, a crashing knockdown in the sixth round of their ten-round battle at Davenport, Jan. 12. Wells had a lead in son demo- ainder of the rounds. Logan classed p a smashing battle against is not ey Harvey's gladiator. It was will no oughest match Wells has is pron he has been in this country. The next e was one of the best and most on his esting seen around here in a long from. "

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JIM DELANEY GETS FLOCK OF OFFERS.

James J. Delaney, star St. Paul light heavyweight, is in demand all over the country following his defeat of Hugh Walker at Oklahoma City recently. Delaney has been matched with Ted Jamieson, Milwaukee heavyweight at Davenport, Iowa, for Feb. nd. Milwaukee promoters have ffered Delaney a match with Harry reb for Feb. 15th. Jim was matched th Greb at Oklahoma City on the ring e he fought Walker, but Harry ined the bout at that time. If the American light heavyweight champion is willing to box Delaney now they probably will meet in Milwaukee next month.

Duluth promoters seek Delaney for a bout with Gene Tunney some time in February.

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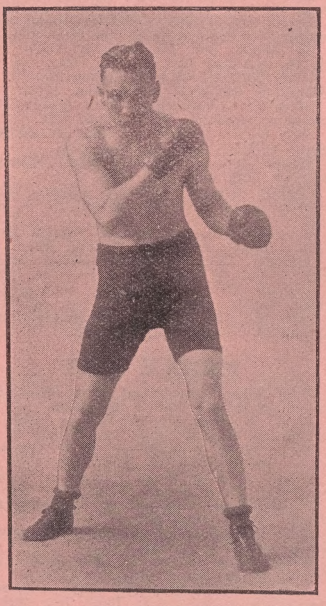
JOHNNY DUNDEE WILL MEET FILIPINO BOXER.

Articles of agreement have been signed calling for a fifteen-round decision bout between Johnny Dundee and Elino Flores, the Filipino, to be staged in Madison Square Garden, New York, on the night of February 9. Dundee will defend his junior lightweight title against the invader, the men having agreed to make 130 pounds at 2 o'clock the day of the contest.

Dundee, also has several other important contests on. On the 29th the little Italian goes against Ritchie Mitchell at Milwaukee. On February 19, at New Orleans, Dundee will meet Young Galiano in a fifteen-round decision bout.



BUD LOGAN
Minneapolis Welterweight

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WRITER TELLS WHY JOSEPHS IS POPULAR

Jack Josephs, Minneapolis junior welterweight lost a close decision to Phil Salvator in a sensational four-round bout at Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 12. The defeat did not lessen Josephs' popularity with the Coast fans, however, as he was matched with Oakland Jimmy Duffy for Jan. 26th. As a California writer puts it, "Those fans who have seen Josephs' aggressive style of battling realize why he is such a popular fighter. Josephs puts up the kind of a fight the fans crave for in a boxing bout."

Dandy Dillon, Minneapolis bantam, and stablemate of Josephs in the Gibbons-Collins string, will meet Young Farrell at Vernon arena on Jan. 16. Josephs and Dillon will remain on the Coast for some time before returning to Minneapolis as they both have offers enough to keep them busy for several months.

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A. J. SCHINNER NEW WISCONSIN CHAIRMAN

A. J. Schinner, Milwaukee sports editor, has been named chairman of the Wisconsin Boxing Commission. He succeeds E. W. Morter, who had been chairman since the commission was appointed under the present boxing law. Mr. Schinner is well qualified for the office. He has been a close follower of boxing for many years and is himself an athlete of note, having won the amateur handball championship of the United States at the last A. U. U. tournament a year ago. Wisconsin is exceptionally fortunate in getting competent boxing officials, which can't be said for all states that have boxing commissions.

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RING GAME POPULAR IN MEXICO CITY

James de Courcy, Boxing Blade correspondent at Mexico City, Mexico, writes that the ring game is popular in the Mexican capital and that weekly fights are now assured. The shows are now staged at night in the bull ring. The finish battle for the lightweight championship of Mexico between Jimmy Dundee of New York and Mercy Montez, Mexican from San Antonio, Tex., was attended by over 6,000. Dundee, who held the title, was knocked out in the 51st round. The defeated boxer dropped more from exhaustion than a knockout punch. This fight set a new record for long distance fighting under modern boxing rules. Dundee took a count of six in the 17th round but after that managed to stay on his feet and hold his own most of the time until he collapsed from fatigue in the 51st. Montez wore him down with left jabs mixed with an occasional right to jaw or body.

Mexico is probably the only place in the world where fights to a finish

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IT'S BECAUSE IT ISN'T MUCH

are permitted now. Sam Langford is expected to arrive in Mexico for a battle with the winner of the Truck Hanna-Kid Savage finish fight for the heavyweight championship of the republic.

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JOHNNY TILLMAN GETS TWO FIGHTS IN WEEK

Johnny Tillman, Minneapolis welterweight, has two fights scheduled this week. He will meet Battling Zwick, Wisconsin slugger, at Milwaukee on Jan. 23d. Following this bout Tillman will hop to St. Joe, Mo., for a battle with Cowboy Padgett. In taking these two tough fights within a week, Tillman is keeping up his record of being one of the strongest and busiest battlers in the welter division.

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MANAGER HAS BAD LUCK WITH BROTHER BOXERS

Charlie Harris, former Pacific Coast manager, is now located in Detroit, Mich., where he is getting together a new stable of boxers. Harris took Abe Gordon, Portland, Ore., flyweight with him but was forced to send him home when he was kayoed in his first two bouts. On top of this, Charlie Gordon, a promising looking featherweight, and brother of Abe, who was to have joined Harris in Detroit, was stopped in California. Harris then washed his hands of the Gordon family so far as fighting was concerned. He has signed up George Wallace of New York, whom he hopes to start against Sid Barbarian soon.

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YANKEE BOXERS FIND AUSTRALIANS TOUGH

The American boxers, Mel Coogan, Freddy Jacks, and Sam Mosberg, who went to Australia recently for a series of five bouts each, have been encountering harder game than some of their predecessors went against.

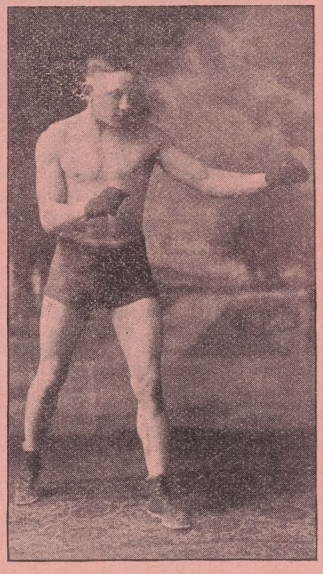
Coogan fought Archie Bradley of Brisbane, Queensland, at the Sydney Stadium in his first battle and won on an alleged foul in the eleventh round. Up to that time Bradley was credited with having the best of the going. W. F. Corbett, the noted critic, claimed the blow that Bradley delivered was fair and should have been a knockout to his credit. Over 10,000 fans witnessed the match.

Sam Mosberg, former amateur champion of New York, lost his first start to Hughie Dwyer of New Zealand, who recently won the lightweight title of Australia from Sid Godfrey. Mosberg went the entire twenty rounds, putting up a splendid fight, but losing on points.

Eddie Ramies, the California featherweight, was beaten on points by Bert Spargo, the Australian champion of the division, in a twenty-round bout, at Melbourne. Ramies was clever and showed plenty of good boxing, but Spargo was a bit too rugged for the American.

Freddy Jacks lost his first battle on a foul to Billy Grimes in 15 rounds.

Billy Tingle, former flyweight champion of Vistoria, B. C., made Harry Gordon look foolish for 14 rounds at the Sydney Stadium, but lost on a foul in the 15th, by butting Gordon accidentally.



BUDDY RIDLEY
Featherweight Under Management of John A. Reiber, Buffalo, N. Y.

JACK DEMPSEY ACCEPTS CONTRACT FOR MOVIES.

Jack Dempsey has called off plans for a visit to Europe this month with the prospects for bouts with Georges Carpentier and Joe Beckett and will remain in California for an extended period, according to Dan McKetrick, his eastern representative. The heavyweight champion has decided to accept a movie contract that will keep him busy until summer.

MICKEY WALKER KAYOS STEVE LATZO IN THIRD.

Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, N welterweight champion, knocked Steve Latzo of Hazelton, Pa., in third round of a scheduled eight ro bout at Philadelphia, Jan. 15.

Walker carried the fight to La throughout the short but terrific b A series of heavy body punches a hard left to the jaw finished Hazelton fighter.

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KID WILLIAMS WINS OVER YOUNG MONTREAL.

Kid Williams, former world's ba tamweight champion, advanced notch closer to his proposed mat with Joe Lynch, present titlehold when he was given the referee's cision over Young Montreal, Pro dence, R. I., star, in a nearly ro bout at Baltimore, Jan. 1. when had the advantage in fi rt- Montreal in four, and three w e. The weights were announced at liams 120½ pounds and 119½.

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HARRY GREB GETS VERDICT OVER LOUGHRAN.

Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, An ican light heavyweight champ forced the fighting all the way ten round bout easily gaining a ne paper decision over Tommy Lough Philadelphia.

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ATTENTION! JOHNNY McC

Harold Walsh, manager of bo would like to get in touch with Jo McCoy, former Cleveland bar weight. Mr. Walsh's address i High Street, Barberton, Ohio.

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Hot Shots of Boxing News from Chicago

THE BOXING bee is buzzing merrily in our ever going Loop, these fine days. Up at Kid Howard's New Arcade Gym there are 64 boxers (actual count) and 15 wrestlers going through their paces for future combats that are arranged for them in our fair city and vicinity—with just as many managers pacing the plush carpet in Mr. Howard's office lobby. While the boxers are training peacefully, on the trail of the numerous matchmakers, the managers are trying to win battles with the promoters in a disorderly fashion, carrying their opponents into the corners for a hot exchange of conversation. And for all this hustling there is a reason—eight clubs run at an average of once every two weeks, right in Chicago, too. But we are not allowed to have boxing! Well, it's the club plan—you understand.

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PROMOTER JIM (Tex) Mullen shrewdly walks into Mr. Howard's Health Studio, after many 40 cont and days of being mysteriously missing, like a bolt from the sky he starts cove ing out a lot of conversation, announcing the dates of his three clubs the contests that are arranged then walks out, never to be seen until the evening of the bat- Vo It seems odd how everyone trusts "Tex Rickard," and never is there ord of "How much am I going to or give me contract." Why his d is his bond, and when he matches boys everyone seems satisfied. th can thank his "Frank Flournay" tlm Pian), for his inside dope on a boxing situation. He is a real Dod man, Friday." Windups arged at Mullen's three clubs are Christiano vs. Ever Hammer on 23; Jack Eile vs. Jabez White w Jan. 26; and Joe Burman vs. boy Flannigan on the 29th of this son demand classed a

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is not FOLLOWING matchmakers will not promoting around this vicinis prom Jim Mullen, three clubs; next ens, the U. S. S. Commodore; on hi Miller, The Racine A. C.; Jack from on, Elks' club; John Kilgallen, yards; Eddie Kane and Eddie op East Chicago. All can be in ned at the Arcade Gym by mail a phone. The same for managers re e numerous battlers.

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wi ICK CURLEY is back from New in York with his new Broadway be ideas and talks only in five fig- se for his lightweight contender, co Friedman. Since the New York out "comish" accepted his $2,500 F to make Benny Leonard sign he title go in sixty days, Senor ring claims that at present he is Even one that has a forfeit up for is Anard contest and his motto is hi me, first served." Friedman, proba to Dick, is only a light- month. scaled 138½ pounds ringside for his last victory over Bobby Barrett in Philadelphia, and can easily do 135 at two o'clock for the champ. He boxes Bert Spencer in Brooklyn on the 29th and Sandy Taylor in New York Feb. 5th. Dick's idea is to battle everybody and he wants Friedman to be known as a "Fighting Contender."

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THEN ENTERS Ever Hammer, the "Bristling Blonde," into the picture with a squawk that can be heard at New York commission's offices. "Say, what am I a stepchild in this chase for the title," he cries. Ever surely can't be declared out of the running, if you bear in mind that he has defeated Charley White and Richie Mitchell in the past year. And then again, one mustn't forget that after Leonard and Tendler met him, each had to take a long rest. There must be some truth as to his punching ability for last week he knocked out Ray Pryel in the first round and the last round, the bell saving him each time. He boxes Sid Barbarian in Detroit on the 29th.

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JACK EILE, the Junior Featherweight "Fighting Fool," is one the newer generation of youngsters that is rapidly coming to the top. This 20-year-old sensation has been battling at the clip of once a week and winning in handy fashion. He will get his big test when he encounters Eddie Anderson on the 22nd and Jabez White on the 26th.

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TOMMY WALSH is waving his arms in a rage and wants to waive Jock Malone's claim on the title, which he rightfully won from Bryan Downey—a title that is recognized by the commissions of 18 states where legalized boxing is held. All are members of the National Boxing Association. Johnny Wilson came out with a defi that he is willing to go through with the Greb contract—he knowing right well that Harry cannot do the weight. So why not Walsh's suggestion—"Make it a free-for-all, the best man wins, and I'll toss the $5,000 belt that Malone received from his friends to the winner." Now page Mr. Tex Rickard, while Jock entertains Mike O'Dowd at St. Paul on the 26th of January.

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KID HOWARD thinks that Guy Coue is all wrong about "Day by day, in every way things are getting better and better." Not while Mr. Howard is gloomy. Why? Bill Tate, his heavyweight battler, was signed for Fred Fulton and Carl Morris and had both of them called off. Now there is a chance for Harry Wills to accept a match at East Chicago for Jan. 29th, but so far he hasn't answered the wire. Probably he remembers the time he luckily received a draw the last time the men met. Maybe Jimmy Doughtery might let his new sensation, George Godfrey, who recently K. O.'d Jack Thompson in five rounds, meet Tate.

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TWO BOXING bills for the state of Illinois were proposed to the legislature, one by a state representative and another by the American Legion. Some of the rules were 15-round no-decision bouts; five-ounce gloves for 140 pounds and under; six-ounce for over 140 pounds; boxers, seconds, managers, referees and all others that are connected with the duties that concerns that sport, have to take out a license; club license fees $50 for the smallest club and $1,000 for the largest; fine of $1,000 to $5,000, or one year to five years in the penitentiary for faking.

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THE WINDY CITY fans are so hungry for boxing that the clubs pack them in every time they run. Three shows were held last week and not a match stood out as a good attraction. Still, with the seating capacity limited, they drew good money for ordinary battles. Bud Taylor and Jimmy Kelly drew $3,700, Jack Eile and Pete Mistel $1,700, and Frankie Garcia and Marty Collins of New York got $1,450. Right now the biggest thing is the return go between Jack Eile and Eddie Anderson on the 22nd.

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JOE BURMAN is earnestly working hard for his mix with the sensational Patsy Flannigan, the St. Louis Irishman, who has been the hit around here. Joe wants to even the score for his stablemate, Eddie Anderson, whom Patsy defeated last month. They are booked for Jan. 29th. Tommy Walsh's partner, Nate Lewis, was in Columbus last week handling Bud Christiano when the latter scored a knockout over Jimmy Mars in two rounds. Tex Rickard was in Columbus that day attending to some personal matters and Lewis had a few words with him concerning a Burman-Lynch title go.

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WILLIE GREEN, the tall feather, is back from Philadelphia where he was resting up with a bad knee, and is now ready for any action that Manager Eddie Stanton can get for him. Stanton has added Puggy Morton, the coast lightweight; Tommy White, 135-pounder, and Eddie Walsh, a good featherweight, to his list of battlers.

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LARNEY LITCHENSTIEN, the veteran manager, has his battlers working regularly. Jimmy Clabby will hook up with Young Fisher in Rochester, while his new lightweight, Billy Stearns, the Minneapolis boy, is hooked up for two battles, Frankie Kennard and Mike Synder, both this month. After his break-in he will take on Friedman, Hammer or Christiano.

Long Lay-off From Fighting Isn't Doing Dempsey Any Good; Boxer Needs Ring Work to Keep Fit

If Champion Doesn't Fight Pretty Soon He Will Find Himself Going to Seed as Have Other Great Boxers Before Him.—Fighting Second or Third Raters Once a Month Would do Jack More Good Than Training in Gym.—Dempsey Has Undoubtedly Gone Back Since He Took Title From Willard.—Mike Gibbons, Mike O'Dowd and Johnny Tillman Showed Harmful Effects of Inactivity in Ring.

By GEORGE A. BARTON
(Sports Editor, Minneapolis Daily News)

IF Jack Dempsey doesn't get a fight pretty soon he will find himself going to seed like many other great boxers have done. Inactivity is harmful to boxers. A pugilist is pretty much like a ball player—he must keep his "eye."

JACK DEMPSEY

If a major league ball player remains idle for a year and confines his training to batting and catching flies with a group of boys he certainly would experience difficulty if he returned to the diamond and faced major league pitching. It probably would be weeks before his eyes could follow the ball and enable him to regain his former batting effectiveness.

Dempsey works out occasionally in the gymnasium with one of his sparring partners, but there isn't much seriousness in that sort of training. The champion would be far better off if Manager Jack Kearns would arrange to have him fight at least once a month. Kearns could easily do this by allowing Dempsey to box for a reasonable sum.

To be brutally frank about it, there are only two fighters who stand a ghost of a show with Dempsey and they are Harry Wills and Tommy Gibbons. Either would make plenty of trouble for the champion. However, there is keen curiosity to see a champion in action and the fans would be glad to pay reasonable prices to see such fighters as Harry Greb, Billy Miske, Bill Brennan, Floyd Johnson, Joe Beckett pitted against the champion. The public realizes that Dempsey would whip all of these scrappers, but it is worth while to see a champion in action if for only three or four rounds. Numerous other champions have engaged in two or more bouts with boxers they had already beaten and drew respectable "gates," so why not Dempsey?

Fighting Best Training.

Fighting second and third raters at least once a month would do Dempsey more good than weeks of strenuous training. With plenty of fistic engagements booked for him, Dempsey would have some incentive to train

George A. Barton

hard every day. Any seasoned boxer will tell you there is nothing so irksome as going on the road every morning and grinding away in a gymnasium in the afternoon without a fight in sight. His heart isn't in his work, that's all.

Long layoffs are bad for pugilists. Take the case of Mike Gibbons. He was fighting at the top of his form in 1917 when he became an army boxing instructor. During the year that he was teaching Uncle Sam's soldiers how to box, Gibbons acquired the habit of eating things that didn't agree with him. He didn't keep regular hours and didn't train seriously. As a result the Mike Gibbons who became a boxing instructor in November of 1917 and the Mike Gibbons who returned to the ring in March, 1919, were two vastly different persons. I remember how bad he looked in his first fight with Soldier Bartfield at St. Paul. His flesh had a pasty color, his chest and sides heaved between rounds like a wind-broken horse, and he missed more punches that night than he had missed in more than a dozen of his previous bouts. Also, he took more punishment in that single contest than in all of his other fights up to that time. Gibbons should have slapped the ears off the crude and slow-moving Bartfield and should have won from New York to London. He won all right, but Bartfield gave him a merry chase of it all the way.

MIKE GIBBONS

Mike O'Dowd's Case.

Mike O'Dowd went into the army while fighting at his best, but was hopelessly out of condition when he returned to civil life. It took the Harp a long time to regain his old-time form, but he did it by fighting two and three times a month and training like a horse.

MIKE O'DOWD

A year ago, O'Dowd was forced to lay off for five months following an operation for hernia caused by a foul blow struck by Champion Johnny Wilson in their 15-round fight in New York. O'Dowd told me his weight increased from 156 pounds to 190 pounds during the enforced idleness and that he nearly killed himself training down to the middleweight class. The Harp said he would retire before he ever again would go through such an ordeal.

There was the case of Johnny Tillman. Back in 1914, Tillman nearly last the sight of his right eye when an untied lace in his sparring partner's glove flicked the optic. The local boxer did not engage in a fight for 15 months while undergoing treatment for the eye. Johnny did roadwork right along and played handball to keep in shape, but when he resumed boxing he was wild as a hawk. It took Johnny nearly a year to get back into his stride again.

And so it will be with Dempsey. I don't believe the champion ever will reach the form he was in the day he took the title from Jess Willard. He was at the height of physical perfection in that bout. It was 14 months after that he fought Billy Miske and he didn't look as good as when he fought Willard. A year later when he toppled Georges Carpentier for the count, he didn't look as good physically to me as he did when he flattened Miske. It was an open secret among insiders that Dempsey experienced a tough time getting into condition for the fight with the Frenchman.

Georges Carpentier and Manager Descamps are Cleared of Charges of Faking Fight With Siki

Investigating Committee of French Boxing Federation Finds That There Was No Agreement to Fix the Bout—All Are Exonerated Except Siki Who Claimed a "Frame-up" —European Boxing News.

PARIS, France.—All of those accused in connection with the alleged "frame-up" of the championship match between Battling Siki and Georges Carpentier are declared innocent in a report submitted to the French Boxing Federation by the committee, which has been investigating the charges.

The report says: "The committee is absolutely convinced that the match on September 24 (1922) was not preceded by an understanding, the object of which was to arrange the events of the match and fix the result."

The decision of the investigating committee clears Siki's former manager, M. Hellers, and Georges Carpentier and his manager, Francois Descamps, from charges that an agreement was made by which the Senegalese was to feign defeat in the fourth round.

BY BOXING MAJOR.

LONDON, Eng.—Kid Lewis is devoting three clear weeks to training for his return match with Roland Todd which is scheduled for Feb. 22nd at the Alexandra Palace, London. The titleholder is not making the mistake this time in holding his opponent as an easy mark and is dropping his vaudeville stunt that nearly lost him the battle with Todd.

Return scraps are usually unjustified affairs, invariably ending in a repetition of the first meeting, but this between Lewis and Todd seems desirable from every point of view. The critics are strongly divided in their opinions of the first clash, many still maintaining that the challenger was badly treated by the referee. His defense was excellent, but it was a passive defense—almost entirely so during the last six rounds which gave Lewis, in the opinion of good judges, an appreciable margin of points; quite sufficient to justify the referee awarding him the verdict. The essence of defense is attack; not necessarily a wild onslaught but a serious attempt to break down an opponent's resistance.

The fact that Todd made Lewis go all the way and extended him as he has never been extended since his return from America, has convinced the northern boy's supporters that at a second meeting a different story will have to be written. They affirm that having met the champion once Todd will know exactly what to do to defeat him at the second meeting. It is claimed that Todd will always be able to fend off the attacks of the champion and that a little more enterprise will gain for him the victory. These optimists apparently ignore the possibility of Lewis having gleaned a few wrinkles from the last clash. For fourteen rounds Todd clearly held the champion and but for Lewis changing his plan of campaign during the closing stages, the title must surely have changed hands. It is unthinkable that Lewis would fight Todd on exactly the same lines as the first meeting. Even in his passive defense Todd partially failed for if he did succeed in blocking three of Ted's body punches, the fourth got home and with some effect. In the closing rounds Todd required all his energies for the purpose of holding off the aggressive attacks of Lewis and his resistance was clearly weakening. Anyway, the next clash should prove equally as interesting as the first one but Lewis ought to retain his titles.

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Mike McTigue notched a win up at Sheffield when he very easily disposed of Harry Knight in four rounds. Even with a substantial advantage in weight and height the Londoner failed to make any impression on the Irish-American. Mike played for his opponent's midsection most of the time, tactics that secured him the victory. In the fourth round Knight left his jaw uncovered and McTigue promptly smashed his right full on the point, McKnight going down for nine. Rising full of fight, the Londoner landed heavily on McTigue, but the latter countered with another right and down went Knight for another count of nine. This punch ended the battle, for Knight could scarcely stand and was easily persuaded to retire. At the same show, Bartley Madden scored a point win over Tom Ireland in a 15-round affair.

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Percy Jones, who once held the British flyweight title, died on Christmas day. Jones had a bad time during the war, being poisoned by gas and blown up by a mine. Over 30 operations were performed upon him, including amputation of a leg. His weight fell to about 56 pounds. When he went to France he scaled around 140 pounds.

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Andrew's Ring Gossip

(Continued from page 3)

Al Norton. Frankie has hooked up with Joe Woodman and George Lawrence in the big city and expects to make a bid for a match with Mickey Walker later on. He is content to take on the contenders first and work his way up. One of his early matches will probably be with Frankie Schoell of Buffalo and later with Paul Doyle.

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Jack Munro, manager of the Stadiums in Sydney, Australia, who visited the states recently in search of boxing talent, sends word that the game is booming in Melbourne and Brisbane, but not so good in Sydney, which is indeed strange. "Mel Coogan of Brooklyn, N. Y., boxed Harry Collins, a newcomer here and a good one, at the Stadium and it was declared a draw at the end of twenty rounds," writes Jack. "Coogan did not seem to be at his best and depended a great deal on his cleverness to carry him through. Freddie Jacks, who came with Coogan, was beaten by Bert Spargo at Melbourne. Spargo knew the game as well as Jacks and had too much pep for him. Sam Mosberg, another New York boy, beat Silvino Jamito, the Filipino boxer, in twenty rounds, leaving here for the states before long. They have been reading about the big purses in America and have the bug badly. They will probably find the pickings just as hard there as here. There are a few good lads, but they will find many good ones in the states to go against. Sydney has not been going so good of late, but is picking up now and will doubtless come into its own before long."

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Eddie O'Dowd, the Ohio lad who made such a splendid showing among the bantams during 1922, is hot after Joe Lynch, champion bantam, for a title match. O'Dowd was able to make the flyweight limit most of the time, but has now advanced into the bantam class and will remain there. He lost but one decision during the year, that being a disqualification to Kid Williams in the last round of their bout. Williams was away overweight and there was a howl over the affair. However, O'Dowd offered to meet the Kid again on a winner take all basis, providing Williams would make the bantamweight limit. Eddie says he will deposit the required $2,500 forfeit for a title match with Lynch.

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Charley Harvey's welterweight from the other side of the pond, Billy Wells, made good when he tackled Bud Logan, the hard hitting welter from Omaha, at Davenport, Iowa. Logan is a tough nut for any of them, having given Jack Britton, Ted Lewis and others the battles of their lives when they met. Wells found Mr. Logan just as hard to beat as ever, and while the Associated Press gave Billy the verdict, there were others who made it a draw. The battle was so fierce that the club immediately rematched the boys for February 22nd. Mr. Harvey also has a bantam from the other side—Johnny Brown—whom he thinks can hand a lacing to any of them in the West. That should make some of the challengers sit up and take notice.

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Carl Tremaine, the nifty bantamweight battler whom Jimmy Dunn has coached for two years, is back in the good graces of the New York Boxing commission. Carl was suspended for some careless work, but the New York board has reinstated him into good standing and also the ones affiliated with New York. Negotiations are on for a meeting between Carl and Joe Lynch and it is expected that they will meet in the big town late in the spring, or as soon as the open air arena gets going.

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The boxers will be minus Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, N. Y., the coming summer for big shows in the open air. Last year some big events were held there under the auspices of the baseball club and others, but the baseball magnates have decided that it will not be available during 1923. Why they should take such a stand in view of the fact that the Polo grounds are to be used for boxing shows, is hard to fathom. Big rentals were had for the boxing shows, but evidently Messrs. Ebbets and McKeever decided best to close shop as far as boxing is concerned.

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For quite a time Sid Barbarian, the Detroit lightweight, found it mighty hard to get a match with the best 135-pounders. His manager, Sam Pearlstein, found most of them more anxious to avoid the Armenian than otherwise. Lately, however, the offers have been coming in too fast and now the southpaw finds himself flooded with bids He will probably take on Lew Tendler at Philadelphia the 29th. He has an offer to meet Sailor Friedman in East Chicago the same date. In addition he is wanted for a meeting with Rocky Kansas and has other offers from Boston and New York. It was merely a matter of patient waiting.

Last Week's Results

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Jimmy Lucas defeated Tommy Ryan, four rounds at San Diego, Calif., Jan. 10th.

Johnny Lyles defeated Joe Padilla, four rounds at San Diego, Calif., Jan. 10th.

Phil Salvadore defeated Jack Josephs, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Tillie "Kid" Herman defeated Johnny Cline, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Sailor Jim Hackley and Willie O'Brien boxed four rounds to a draw at Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Alex McDonald defeated Al Guilloy, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Kenneth Clark defeated Jimmy Dime, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Sid Bernard defeated Buddy Ryan, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Sailor Ritchie defeated George Gilmore, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 12th.

"Racehorse" Roberts defeated Mack House, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Bobby Allen and Roy Sutherland boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Mike O'Leary knocked out Ad Geyer, third round at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Ted Seidman and Sammy Compagno boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Charley Martin knocked out Rube Finn, second round at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Ernie Owen defeated Lamberto Camasse, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Johnny Gleason knocked out Tommy Gonzales at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 12th.

Gene Kline defeated "Cyclone" Gavvy, four rounds at Modesto, Calif., Jan. 11th.

Joe Herman and Freddie Bonillas boxed four rounds to a draw at Modesto, Calif., Jan. 11th.

Tony Bonillas defeated Ed Mahoney, four rounds at Modesto, Calif., Jan. 11th.

Sailor Lee and Sammy Olson boxed four rounds to a draw at Modesto, Calif., Jan. 11th.

Joe Azoveda knocked out Kid Cal, second round at Modesto, Calif., Jan. 11th.

Dode Bercot knocked out Pat Williams, fifth round at Everett, Wash., Jan. 12th.

Eddie Neal defeated Henry Geysel, ten rounds at Everett, Wash., Jan. 12th.

Jack Davis defeated Tommy Gans at Everett, Wash., Jan. 12th.

Ernie Dailey and Filipino Colima boxed to a draw at Everett, Wash., Jan. 12th.

Frankie Marshall and Jackie Johnson boxed four rounds to a draw at Everett, Wash., Jan. 12th.

CANADA

Ted Kain defeated K. O. Sammy C. Lallif at Regina, Sask., Jan. 11th.

MEXICO

Mercy Montez knocked out Champion Jimmy Dundee, fifty-first round, at Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 5th.

Chas. Pavon and Fighting Guerrero boxed four rounds to a draw at Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 5th.

A. Aragon knocked out Alex. Hidalgo, second round, at Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 5th.

Kid Ruis defeated A. Guardarama, four rounds, at Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 5th.

Hip. Rameriez knocked out Battling Joe, third round, at Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 5th.

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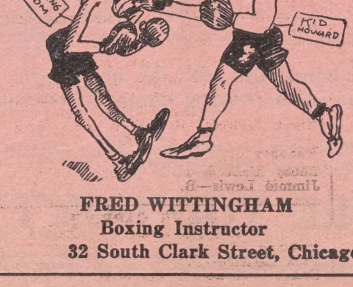

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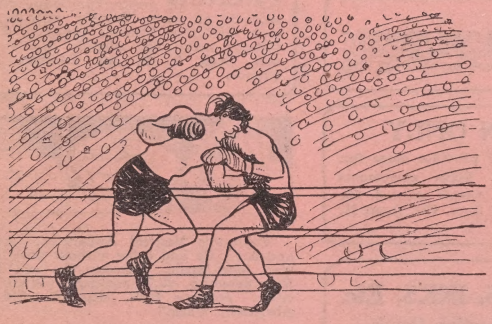

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